

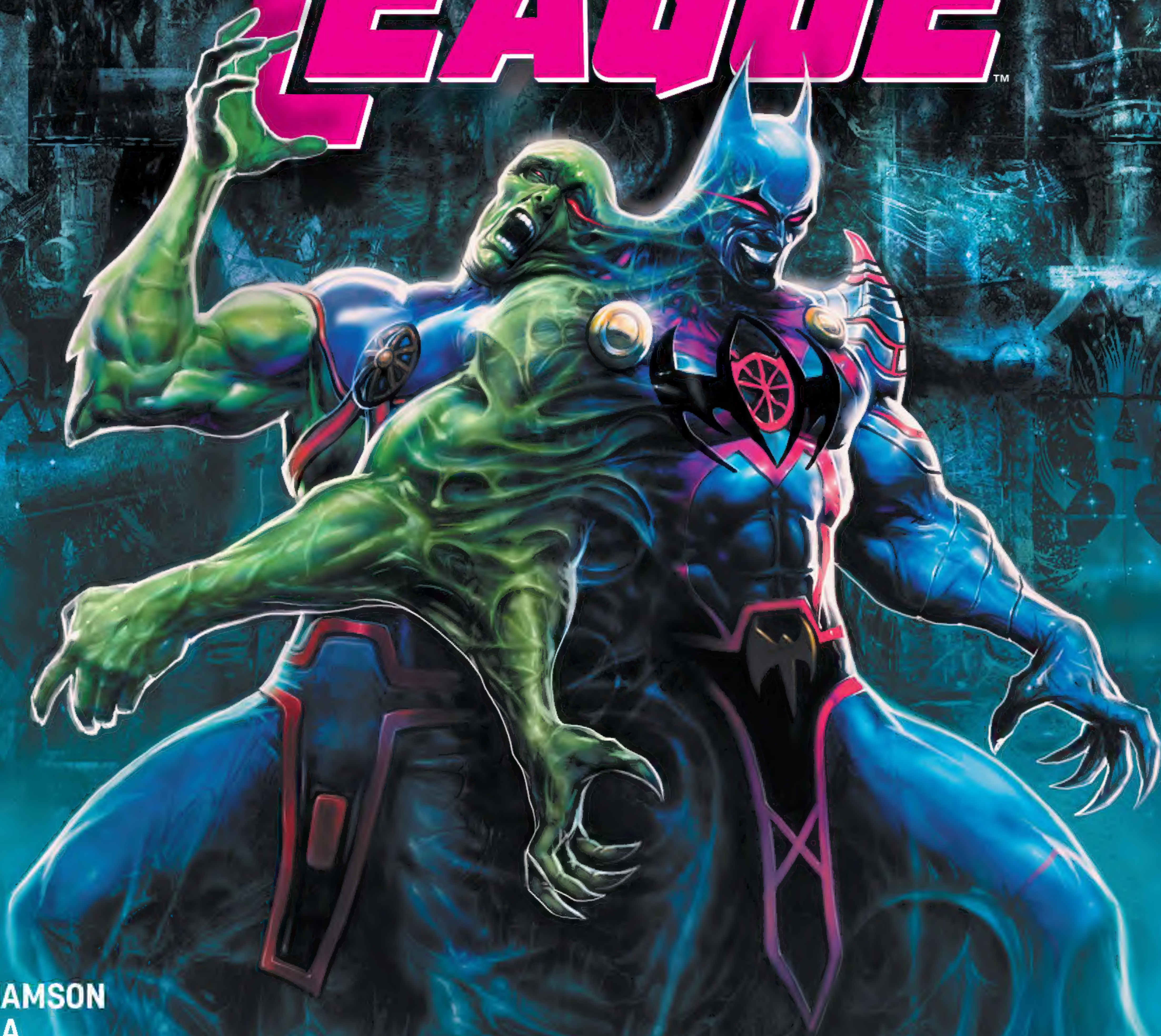


DARK NIGHTS

DEATH
METAL

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★ JUSTICE LEAGUE™



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THE MINDHUNTER KNOWS ALL!

**LOBO STARS IN THE MOST
GRATUITOUS TIE-IN OF ALL!**

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**DEATH
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**INFINITE HOUR
EXXXTREMEE!**

NEW ONE-SHOT ♦ NOVEMBER

BRIMSTONE BAY.



I'VE SOLVED A LOT OF MYSTERIES IN MY LIFE, COMET. BUT THERE WERE JUST AS MANY THAT WENT UNSOLVED.

AND TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT ALL THE TIMES I FAILED TO SAVE SOMEONE ISN'T AS GLAMOROUS.



BOOM



I TOLD NIGHTWING AND HAWKGIRL I DIDN'T WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS...

BUT...I CAN'T WATCH MY FRIENDS DIE AGAIN...



WE NEED A MIRACLE, COMET.

GOT ANY IDEAS?

"YOUR TEAM LOSES ON THE BURNING FIELDS, HAWKGIRL."



"NIGHTWING. MY OLD
WARD ALL GROWN UP.

"LEX LUTHOR.
FALLEN FROM
GRACE.

"CYBORG. THE
BROKEN ROBOT.

"AND STARFIRE. THE
ALIEN. NEVER LIKED HER
WITH NIGHTWING ANYWAY.

"THEY ARE
DOWN AND
HURT.

"PERPETUA'S OMEGA
KNIGHT ABOUT TO DEAL
THE FINAL BLOW..."

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...UNLESS YOU HELP ME, HAWKGIRL.

WHERE AM I, MINDHUNTER?

WHERE IS J'ONN?!



"WE'RE INSIDE HIS MIND, ACTUALLY."

"I TORTURED MARTIAN MANHUNTER FOR HOURS. USED EVERY TECHNIQUE IN THE BOOK. AND TRUST ME, I TRAINED ALL OVER THE WORLD TO **MAKE** PEOPLE TELL ME WHAT I WANT EVEN BEFORE I HAD THE POWER OF A MARTIAN."

"BUT HE RESISTED ALL OF IT. HE'S MUCH TOUGHER ON THIS WORLD THAN ON MINE."



ALL I ASK IS CONTROL OF HIS MENTAL CONNECTION TO THE **JUSTICE LEAGUE**. I MUST KNOW THEIR PLANS FOR THE DARKEST KNIGHT AND PERPETUA.

WHY WOULD I **EVER** WORK WITH YOU, MINDHUNTER?

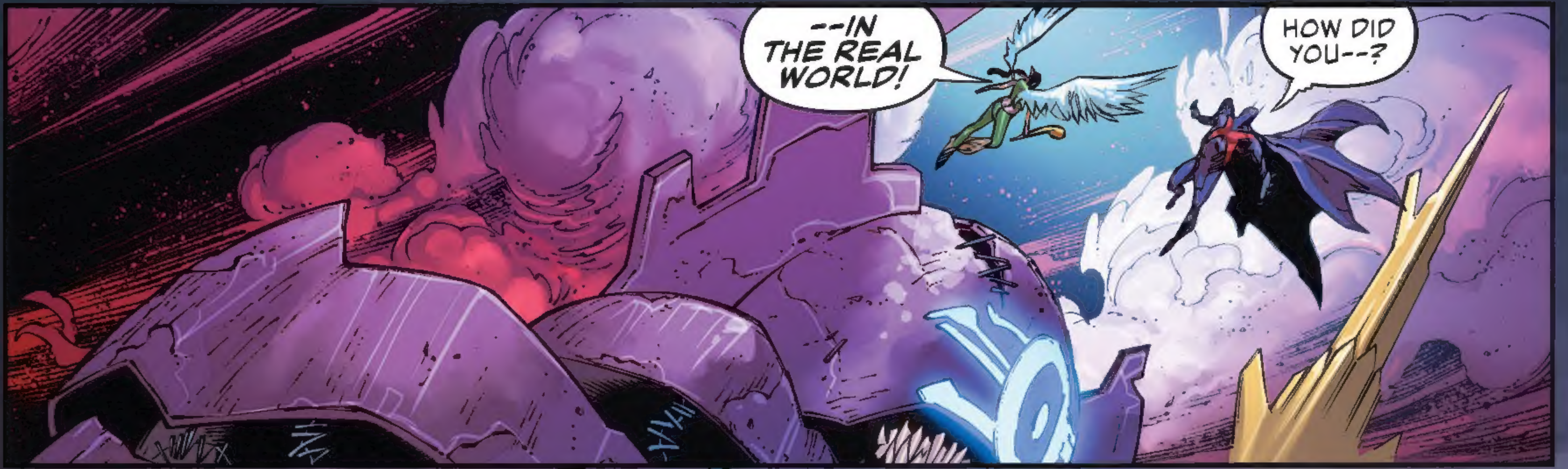
BECAUSE I CAN TASTE YOUR FEELINGS FOR **HIM**.

YOU'D TRAVEL TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH FOR HIM, WOULDN'T YOU?



BITE ME!

STOP WITH THE GAMES INSIDE J'ONN'S MIND AND FACE ME--



--IN
THE REAL
WORLD!

HOW DID
YOU--?

MARTIAN
MANHUNTER
TAUGHT ME HOW
TO PROTECT MY
MIND FROM AN
INVADER LIKE
YOU.

BUT I
DON'T NEED HIS
HELP **KICKING
YOUR ASS.**



SO MUCH
EMOTION.
YOUR ANGER
BETRAYS YOUR
THOUGHTS.

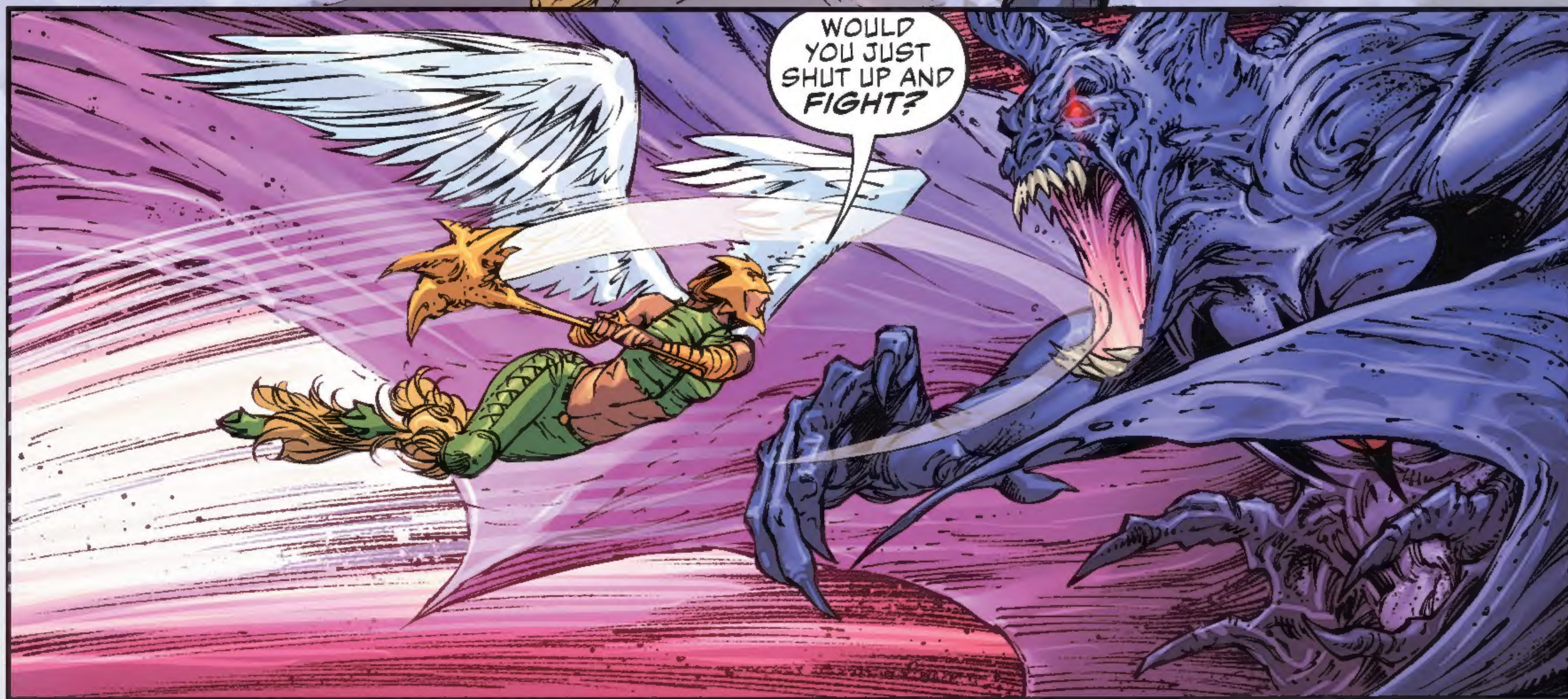
YOU
WANT TO KILL
LEX LUTHOR,
DON'T YOU? WHAT
WOULD YOUR **LOVE**
HAVE TO SAY
ABOUT THAT?



AND MARTIAN
MANHUNTER HAS
SUCH **GUILT** AFTER
HE ALLOWED THE
TOTALITY TO CRASH
ON YOUR WORLD. NOT
TO MENTION THE
GUILT OF LEAVING
YOU BEHIND.



HOW
GUILTY WILL
HE FEEL AS
HE WATCHES
ME...







WHEN YOU AND HAWKGIRL SAVED ME FROM THE CREEPERS IN SLAUGHTER SWAMP, YOU SAID **WONDER WOMAN** GAVE COMET TO YOU AS A **GIFT**, NIGHTWING.

I FIGURED THERE HAD TO BE A REASON. SO INSTEAD OF SITTING THERE FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF...I DID SOME INVESTIGATING. AND **TA-DA...**

...INVISIBLE HORSE!

I TOOK THAT AS A SIGN I NEEDED TO GET OFF MY ASS AND JOIN THE FIGHT.

I GUESS YOU REALLY **ARE** A GREAT DETECTIVE.

IS THIS REALLY THE TIME FOR SARCASM, 'WING?

NOW TO GET STARFIRE, CYBORG, AND BALDY.

HAVE YOU SEEN HAWKGIRL?

YEAH, SHE'S UP IN THE SKY FIGHTING A GIANT BAT. BECAUSE THAT'S JUST WHAT WE NEEDED...

"...MORE MONSTERS."



YOU TWO
ARE SUCH AN ODD
COUPLE. THE SOULLESS
THANAGARIAN AND THE
LONE SURVIVOR OF
THE RED PLANET.



TWO
LOST SOULS
WHO FOUND EACH
OTHER TOO
LATE.

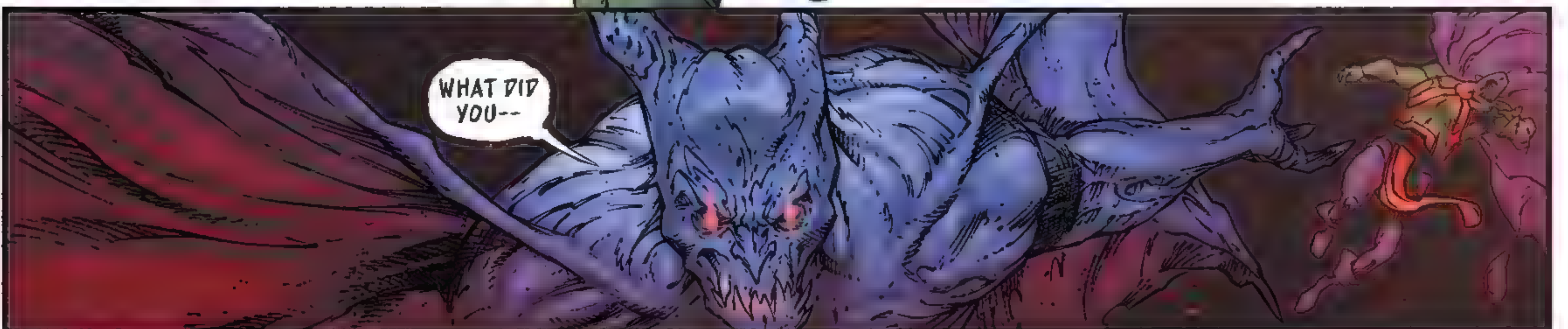
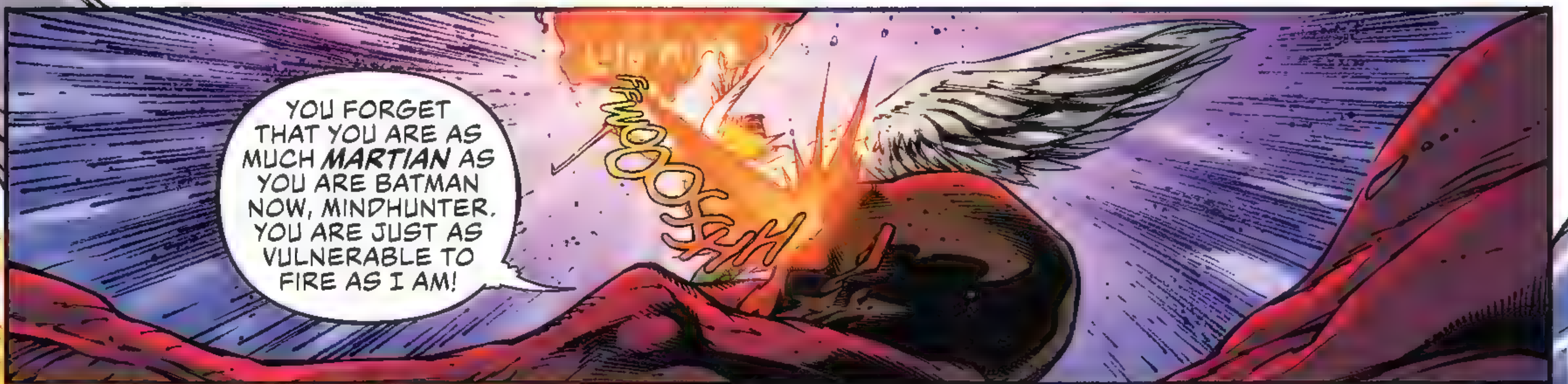
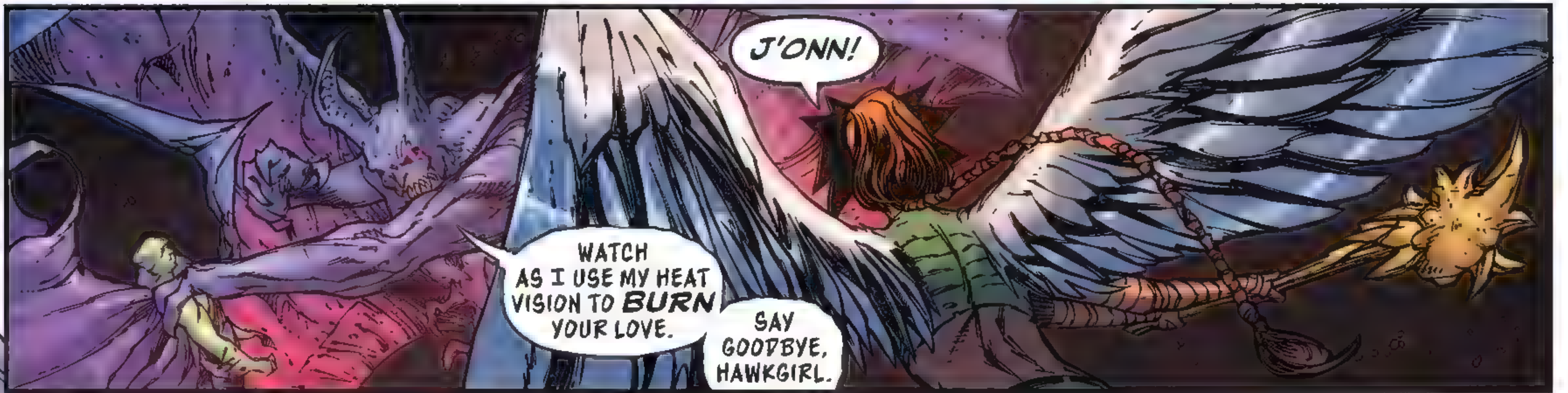
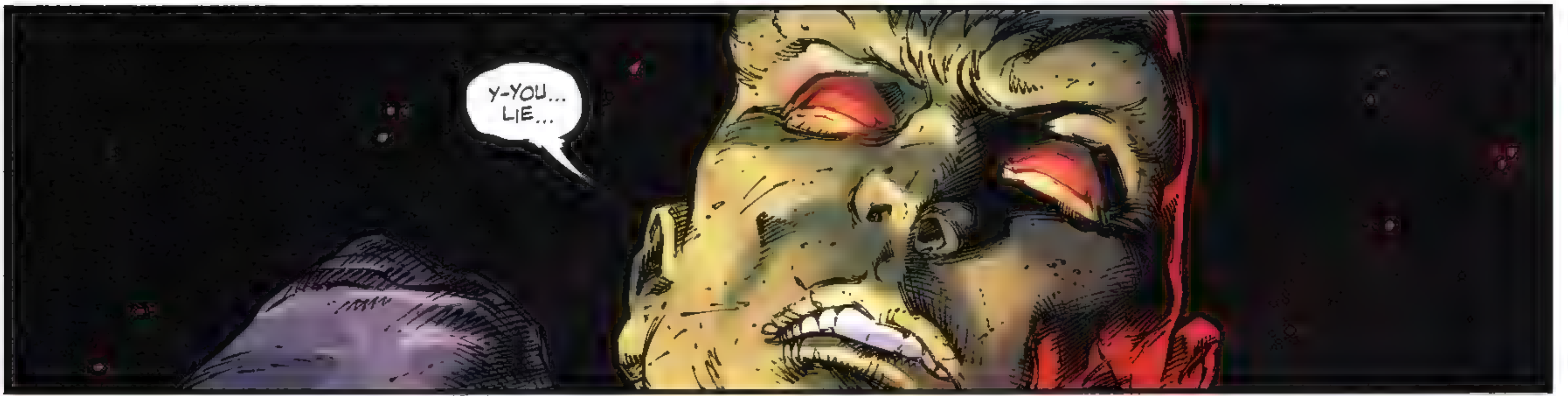


BEFORE I
BURN MARTIAN
MANHUNTER'S FACE
OFF, DO YOU WANT
TO KNOW **WHY**
HE LEFT YOU?



BECAUSE
HE DOESN'T CARE
ABOUT YOU. HIS ONLY
LOVES **DIED** ON
MARS.

YOU ARE
NOTHING
TO HIM!





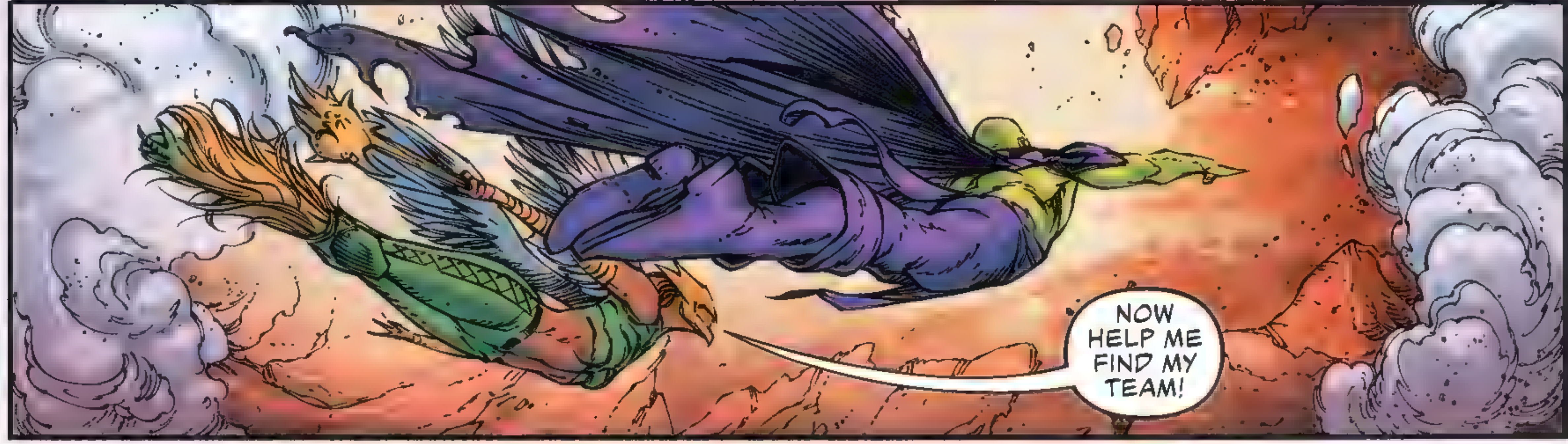
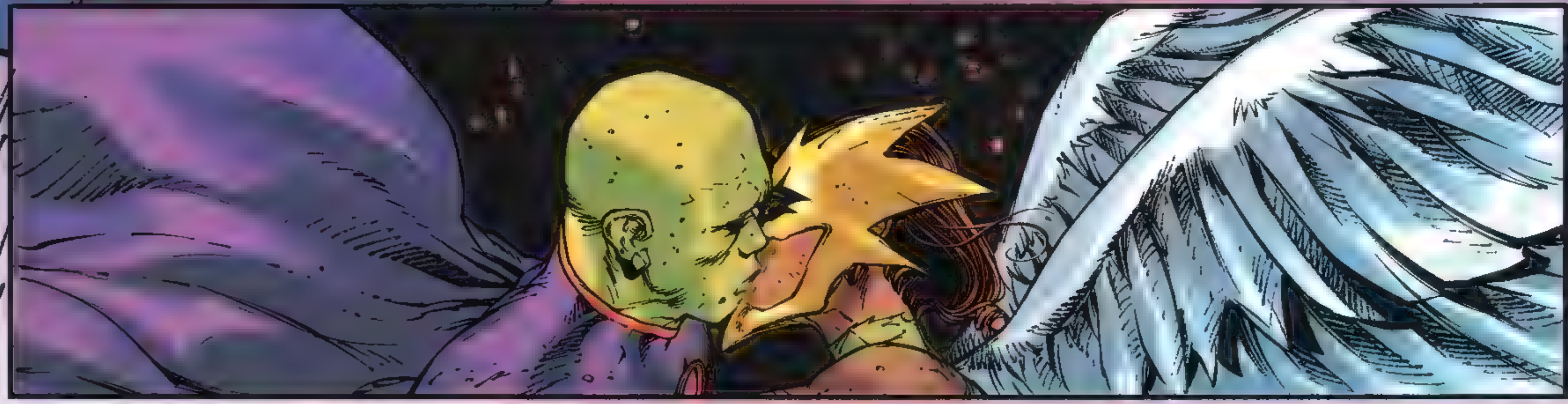
AARRGH!

SUPERHEATED
NTH METAL, *\$#\$%~!

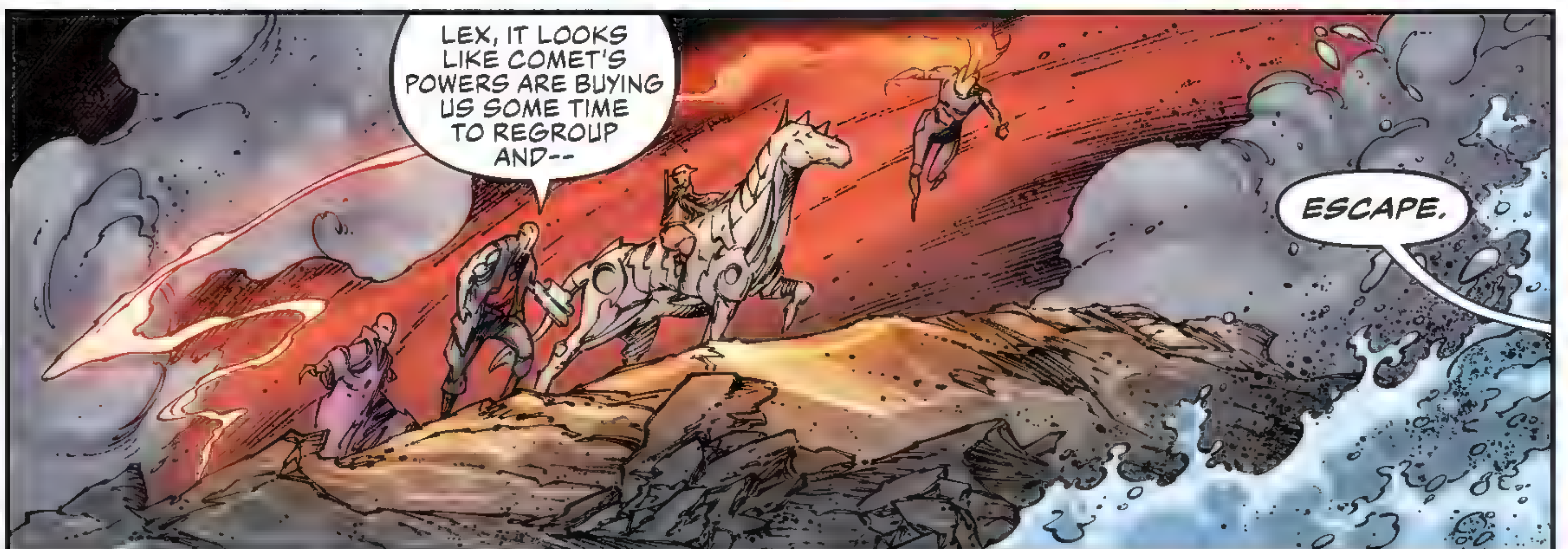
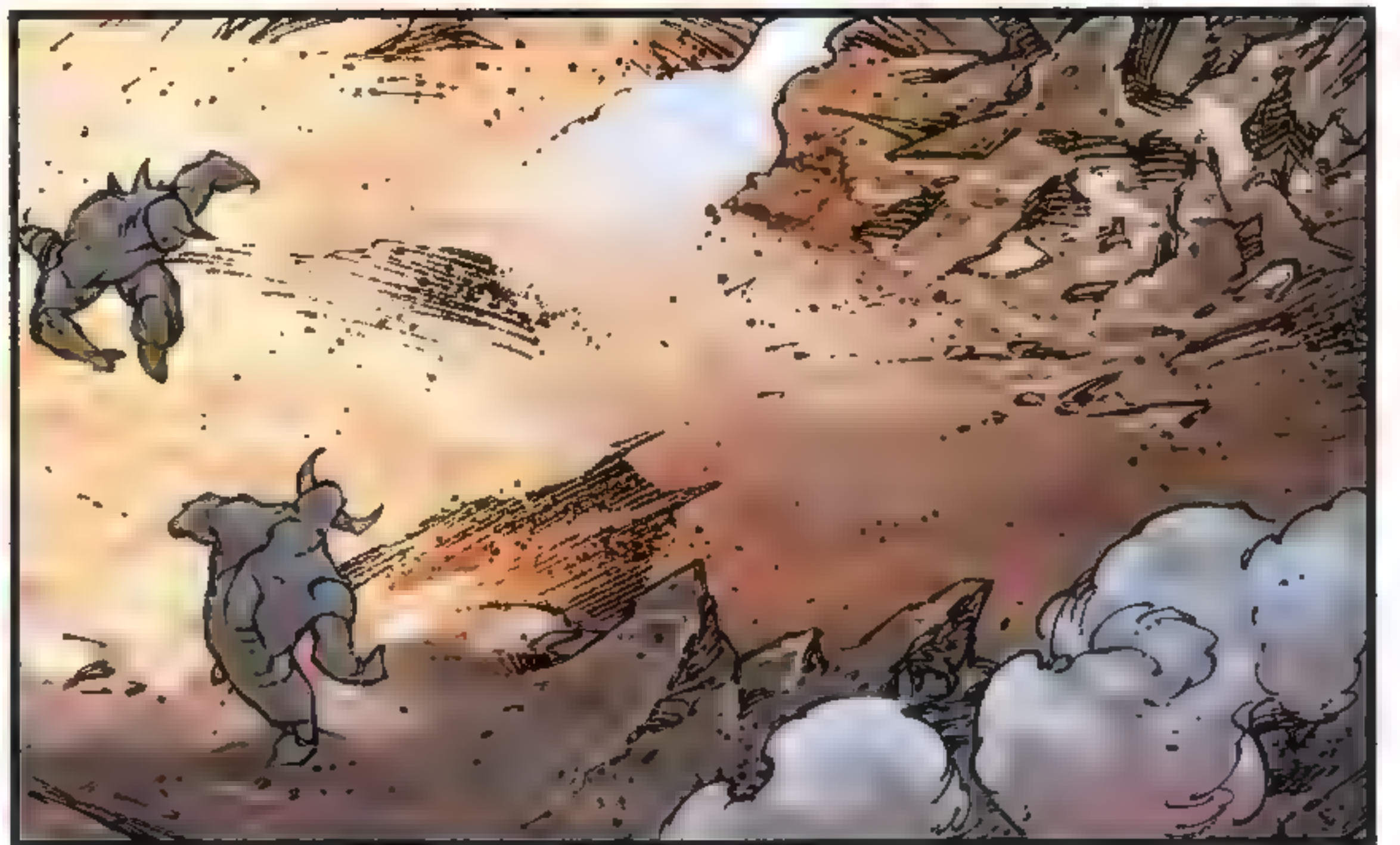
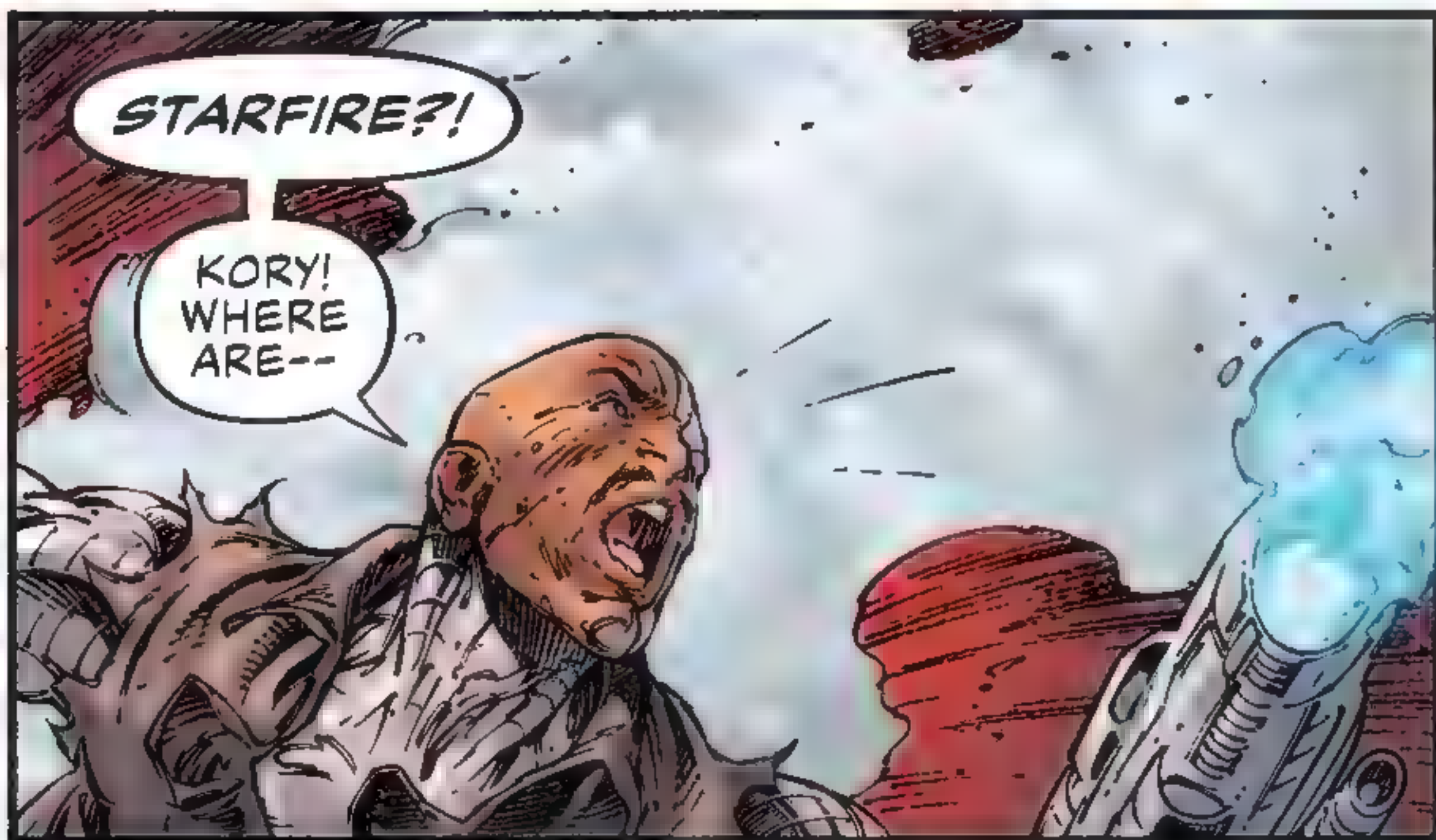


KENDRA,
I'M SORRY,
I SHOULD
HAVE--

SHUT UP,
J'ONN.



NOW
HELP ME
FIND MY
TEAM!



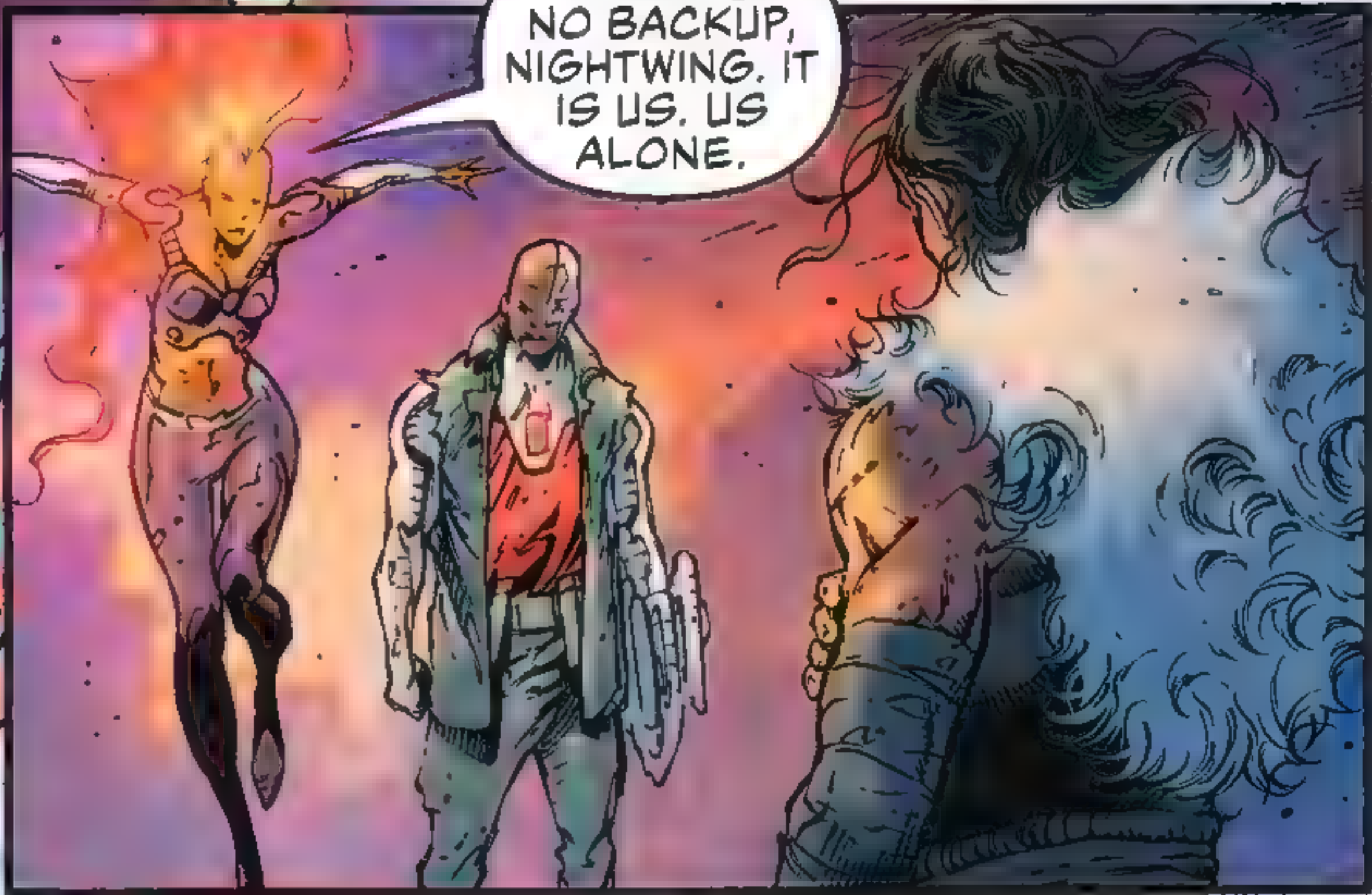


BEFORE
CHIMP SAVED
ME, I THOUGHT
YOU WERE ALL
DEAD.

WE
NEED TO GO
BACK.

WE NEED TO
CALL FOR BACKUP.
GET HELP. GO TO
BATMAN, SUPERMAN,
AND WONDER
WOMAN.

TELL THEM
WE FOUND THE
THRONE AND LET
THEM DESTROY
IT.



THERE **IS**
NO BACKUP,
NIGHTWING. IT
IS US. US
ALONE.



I KNOW YOU FEEL
TORTURED. THAT YOU
WISH TO GO BACK
TO A PAST VERSION
OF YOURSELF. BUT
IT IS TIME YOU
GROW UP,
RICHARD.

THE
PAST IS THE
PAST. WE MUST
ALL ACCEPT
THAT.



EASE UP, KORY.
WE'VE ALL BEEN
GOING THROUGH
SOME STUFF
RECENTLY,
RIGHT?

BUT MAYBE **ALL**
OF US CAN MOVE
FORWARD.

TOGETHER.



OH, PLEASE.
CAN WE GET ON
WITH IT? I
THOUGHT I WAS
WORKING WITH
THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE.

IF I HAD
KNOWN IT WAS
THE **TEEN TITANS,**
I WOULD HAVE
COME ALONE.

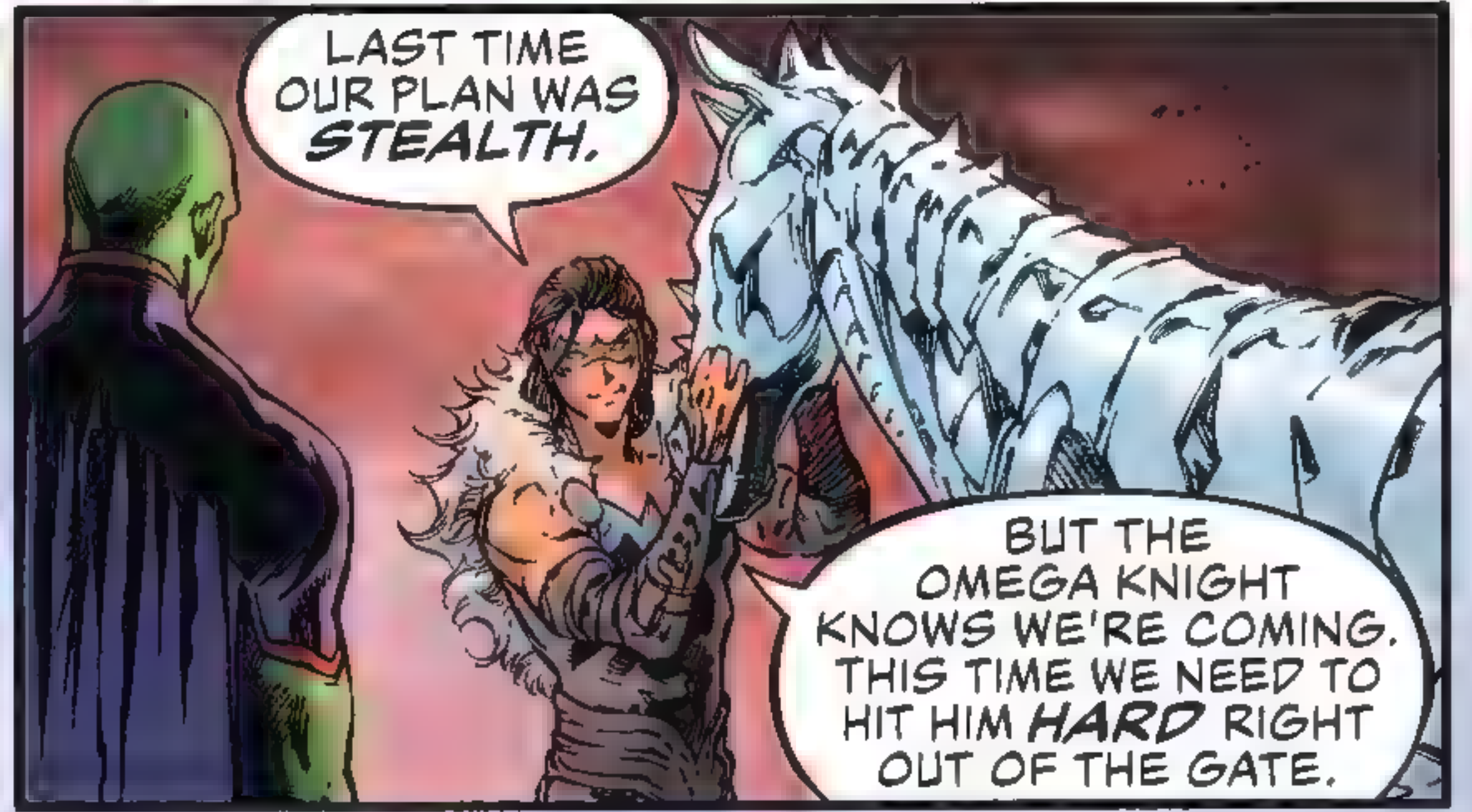


AND YET YOU FOUND **US**.

NICE TRICK WITH COMET BEING INVISIBLE. WE ONLY FOUND YOU BECAUSE OF MARTIAN MANHUNTER'S SPECTRUM VISION.

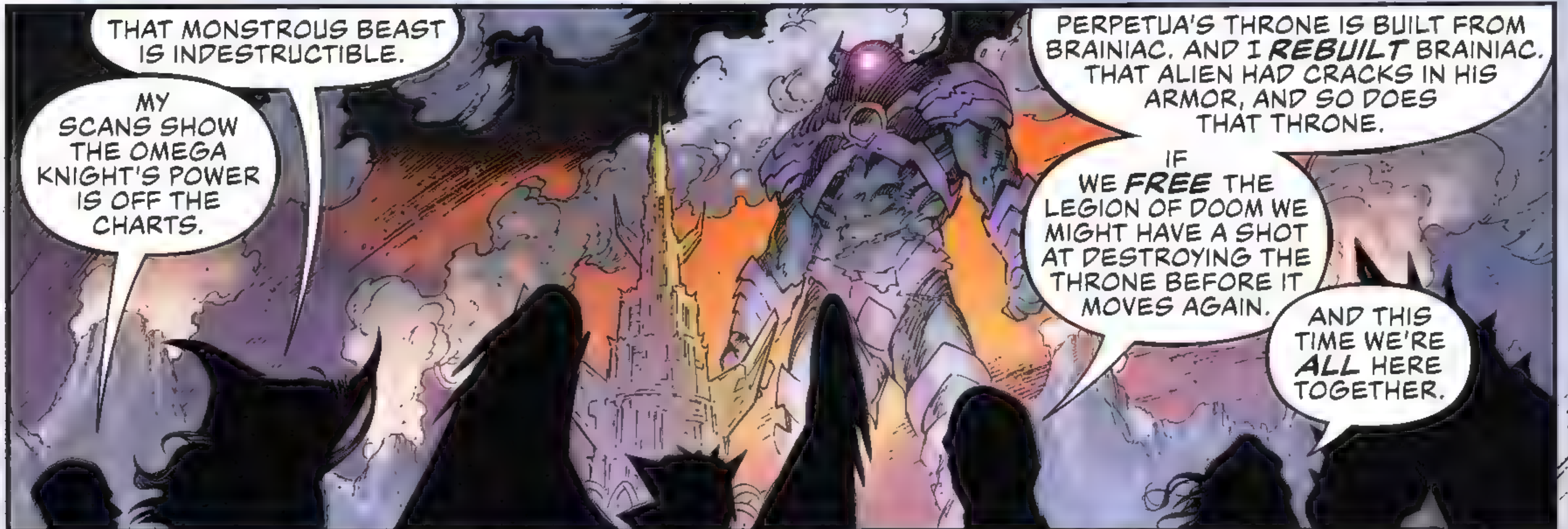


WHEN THIS TASK IS DONE, YOU AND I HAVE **MUCH** TO DISCUSS, LUTHOR.



LAST TIME OUR PLAN WAS **STEALTH**.

BUT THE OMEGA KNIGHT KNOWS WE'RE COMING. THIS TIME WE NEED TO HIT HIM **HARD** RIGHT OUT OF THE GATE.



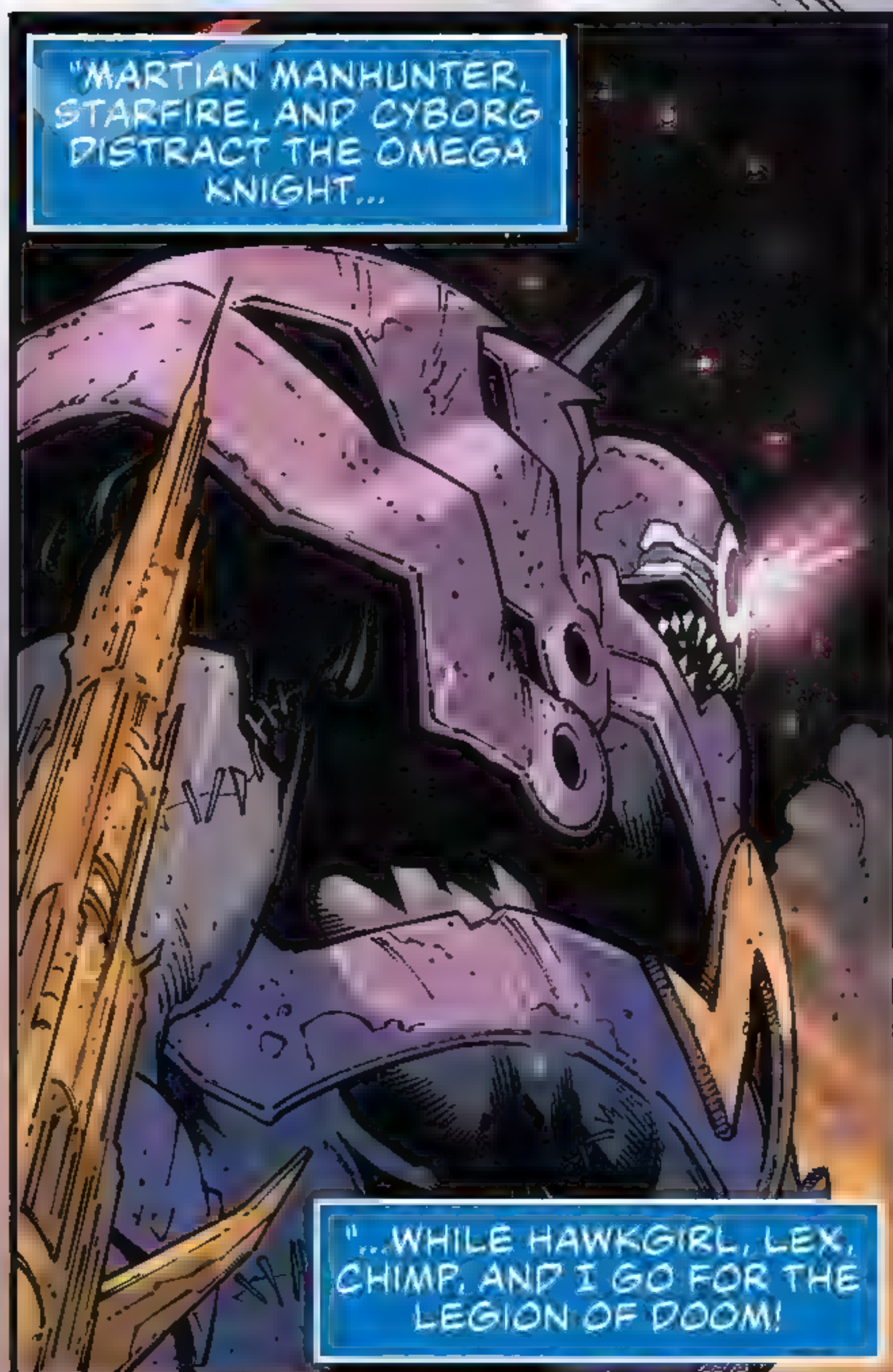
THAT MONSTROUS BEAST IS INDESTRUCTIBLE.

MY SCANS SHOW THE OMEGA KNIGHT'S POWER IS OFF THE CHARTS.

PERPETUA'S THRONE IS BUILT FROM BRAINIAC. AND I **REBUILT** BRAINIAC. THAT ALIEN HAD CRACKS IN HIS ARMOR, AND SO DOES THAT THRONE.

IF WE **FREE** THE LEGION OF DOOM WE MIGHT HAVE A SHOT AT DESTROYING THE THRONE BEFORE IT MOVES AGAIN.

AND THIS TIME WE'RE **ALL** HERE TOGETHER.

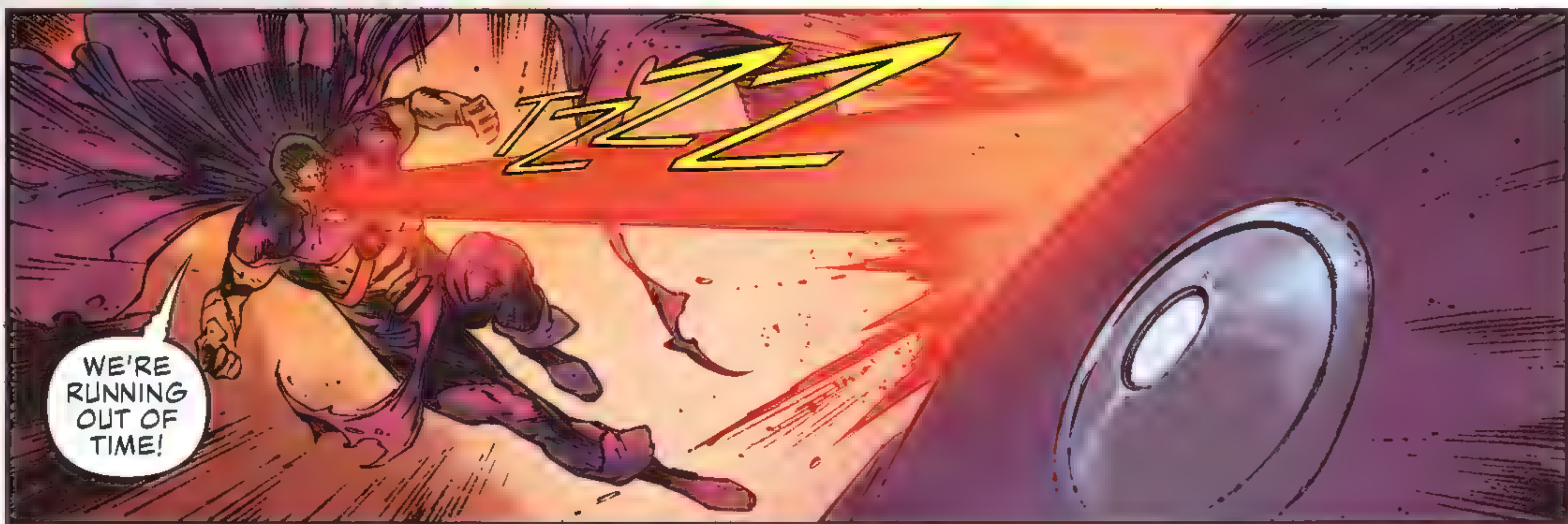
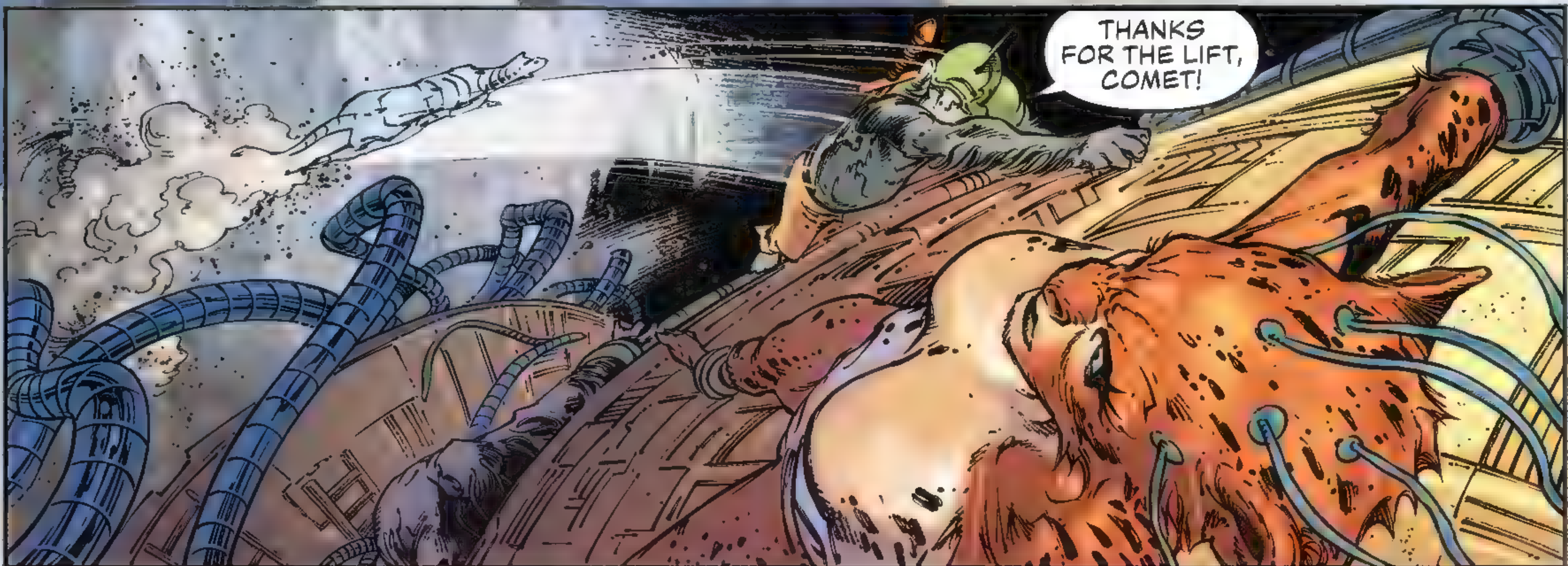
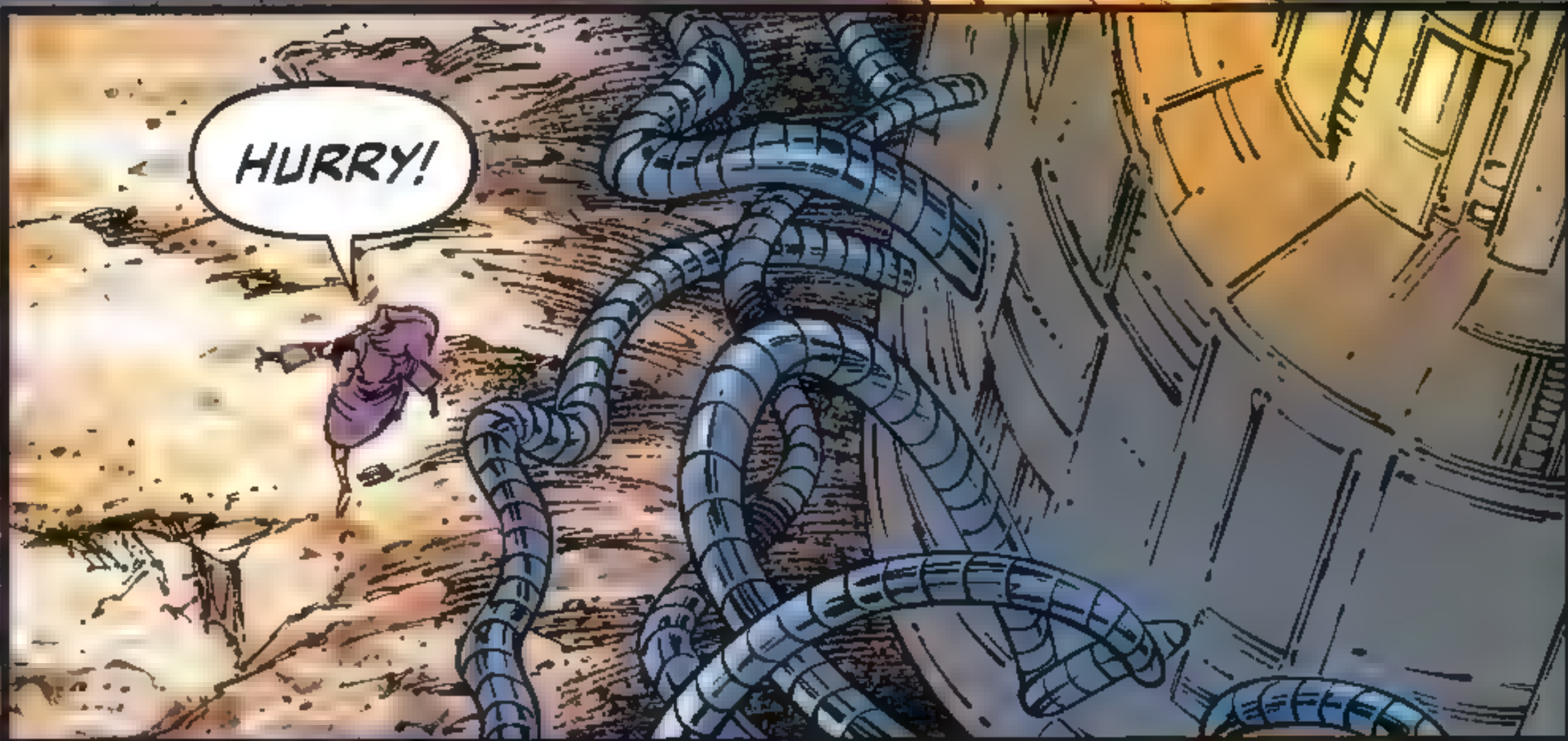


"MARTIAN MANHUNTER, STARFIRE, AND CYBORG DISTRACT THE OMEGA KNIGHT..."

"...WHILE HAWKGIRL, LEX, CHIMP, AND I GO FOR THE LEGION OF DOOM!"



WE'RE ON OUR OWN HERE, SO MAKE IT COUNT!

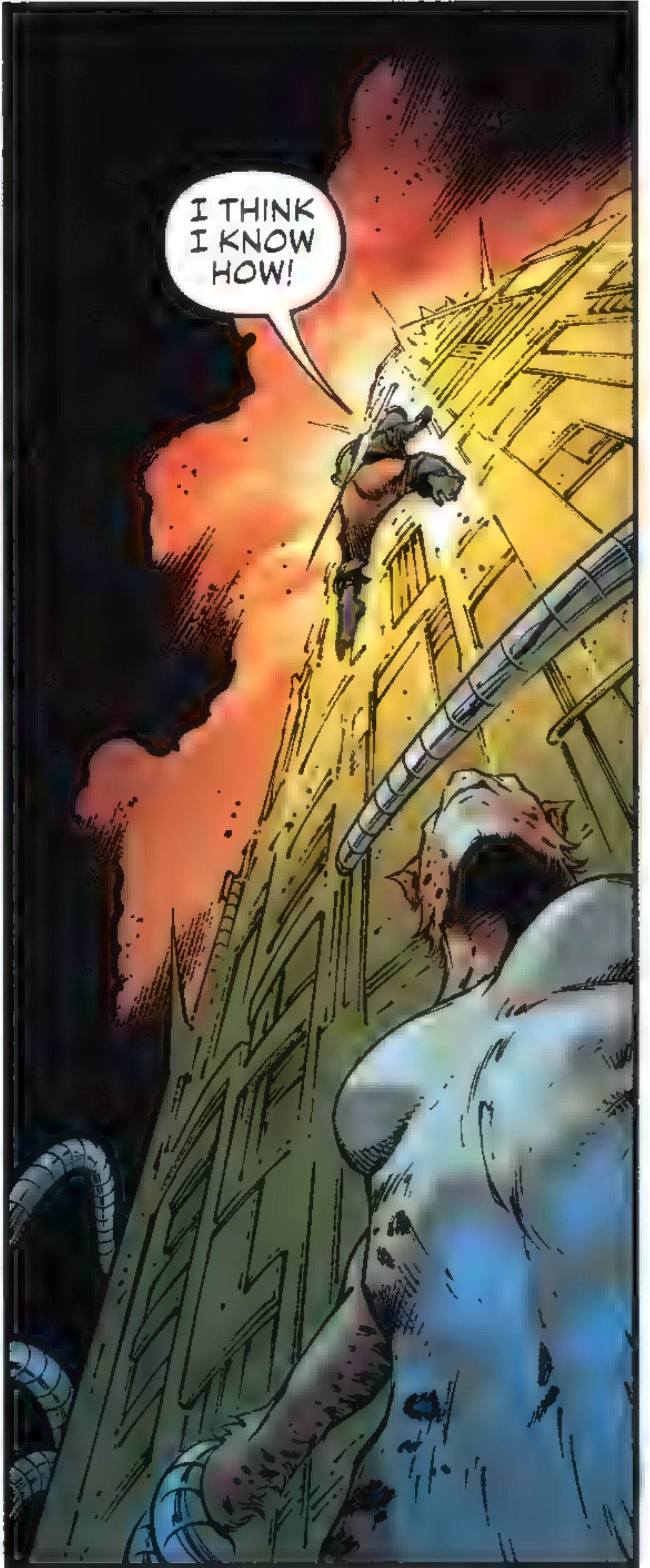




THEIR
BINDINGS ARE
TOO STRONG,
LEX!



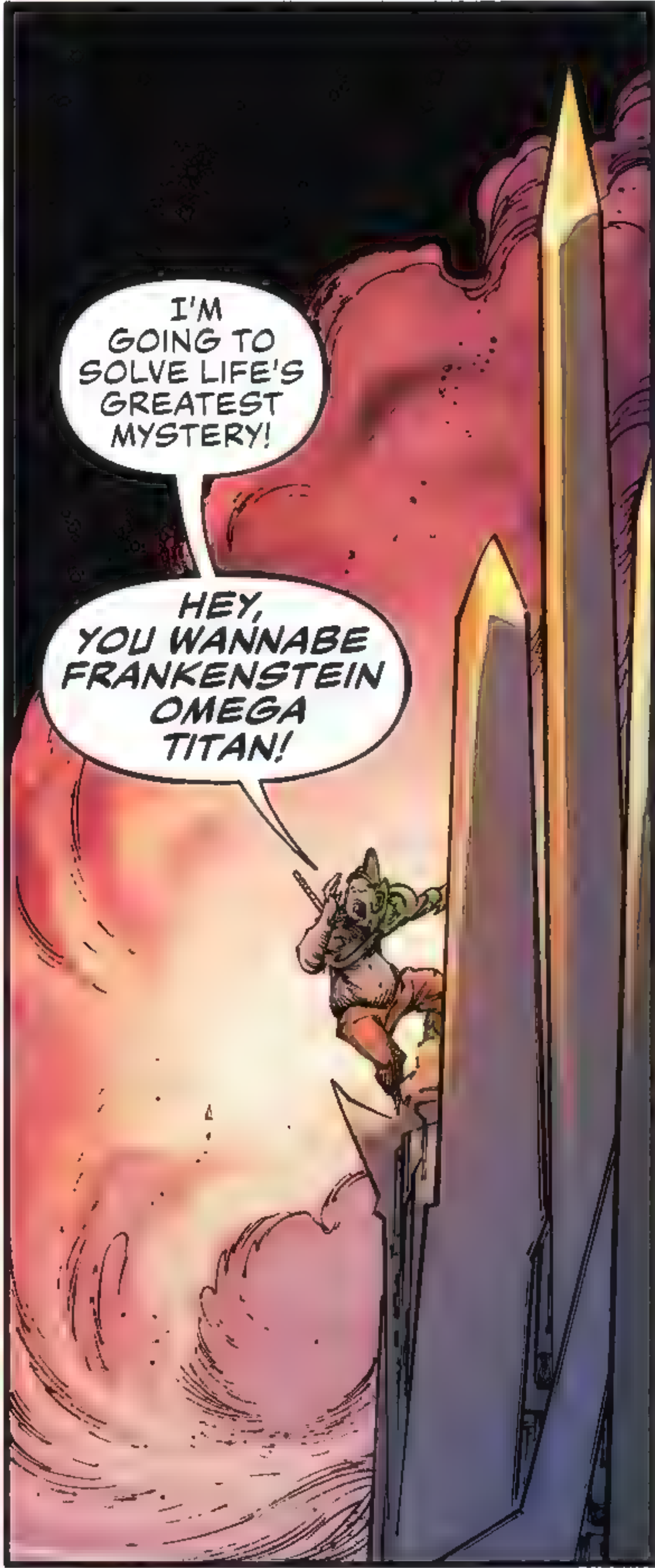
OUR ONLY OPTION
MIGHT BE TO DESTROY
THE THRONE WITH THE
LEGION OF DOOM
STILL TRAPPED! BUT
WE DON'T HAVE
ENOUGH POWER
TO DO THAT!



I THINK
I KNOW
HOW!



CHIMP,
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?!



I'M
GOING TO
SOLVE LIFE'S
GREATEST
MYSTERY!

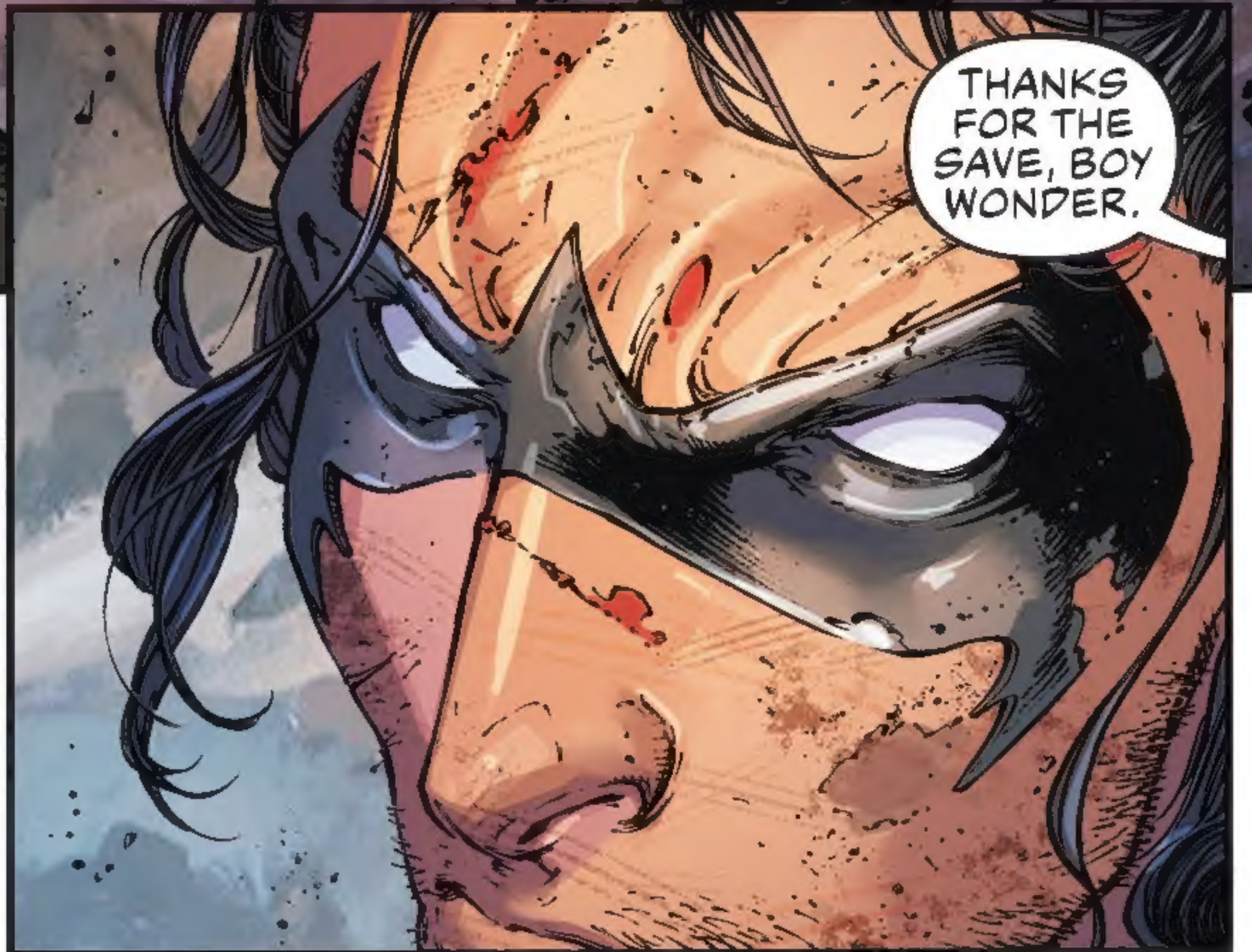
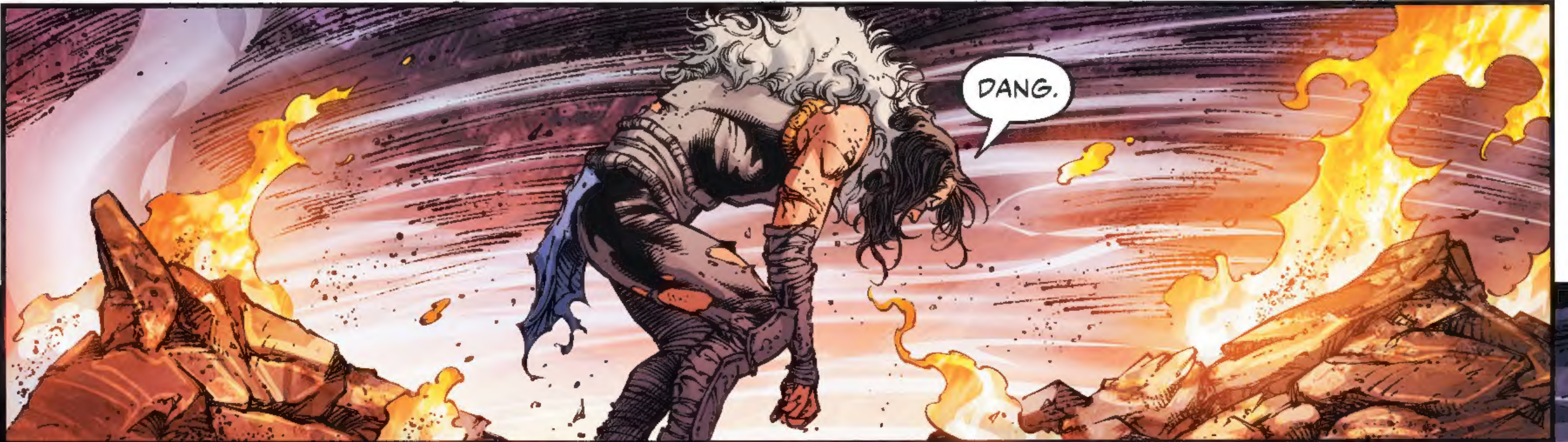
HEY,
YOU WANNABE
FRANKENSTEIN
OMEGA
TITAN!



I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
SUPPOSED TO
BE SCARY!

YOU WANNA
PIECE OF ME?!
BRING IT!







NOW WHO
IS GOING
TO SAVE
YOU?

TO BE CONTINUED!

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GET TO KNOW DC'S
BREAKOUT CHARACTER
OF 2020!

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DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON GHOST-MAKER



This past year has seen a host of new characters introduced in the pages of *Batman*—from Punchline to Clownhunter, to the Designer and to Underbroker—and there's one more new antagonist set to debut before 2020 is up. First seen in *Batman* #100, Ghost-Maker is a new vigilante in Gotham—who also happens to be Bruce Wayne's rival from his teenage years.

Ghost-Maker was created by *Batman* writer James Tynion IV and superstar artist Jorge Jimenez, generating buzz at first glimpse due to his sleek and mysterious design. Before Ghost-Maker lays his claim to Gotham City starting in *Batman* #102, Tynion imparts some insight into the development of the character.

"The idea of giving Bruce a rival in his childhood goes back to when I was writing the backup stories to 'Zero Year,' thinking a lot about that era in Bruce's life. From time to time, I would think about where I might be able to introduce a character like that. Then I realized that I needed to bring in another character into the last story of 2020."

"Ghost-Maker needed to be a fascinating inverted mirror to Batman...And he needed some flair. And a name. And then Jorge Jimenez took all of that and worked some magic, putting together what I think is one of the absolute coolest new superhero designs I've seen in the last few years. We might even already have something we're building in secret with the character..."

—James Tynion IV



GHOST-MAKER STARS IN *BATMAN* #102, ON SALE IN NOVEMBER

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